

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

D) making a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

detecting which called parties answer the call; and

treating at least one the first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party based on information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

CX 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes answer information regarding ~~which called parties answered the plurality of outbound calls~~ whether the second called party answered the outbound call to the second called party.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes customer input from the second called party.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes database information concerning the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

D) 29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the information associated with the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party includes responses to ~~requested requests for~~ information from the ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the response to requested information includes an answer to a personal question.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first~~ called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes determining a message to send to the ~~at least one called party~~ the first called party.

32. (Previously Added) The method of claim 31, wherein the message is a question.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the ~~at least one first~~ called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes connecting the first called party to a conference call.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the at least one first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes executing an instance of a first script for a the first called party that operates independently of a second script for a the second called party.

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35. (Previously Added) The method of claim 34, further comprising the first script communicating with the second script.

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36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the treating of the at least one first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party includes executing a first computer program for a the first called party that operates independently of a second computer program for a the second called party.

37. (Previously Added) The method of claim 36, further comprising the first computer program communicating with the second computer program.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for making a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

means for detecting which called parties answer the call; and

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means for treating ~~at least one~~ the first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party based on information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

39. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to:

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make a plurality of outbound calls to a plurality of called parties from a single device, wherein the plurality of called parties includes at least a first called party and a second called party;

detect which called parties answer the call; and

treat ~~at least one~~ the first called party differently from ~~other called parties~~ the second called party based on information associated with ~~multiple called parties~~ the second called party.

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